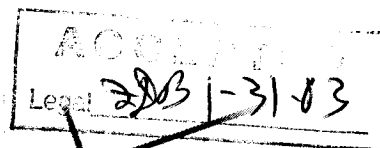


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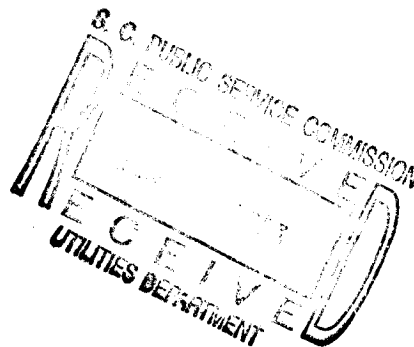
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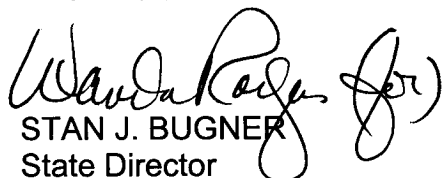
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Dear Mr. Butler:

In reference to your letter dated January 24, 2003 regarding Verizon Select Services, Inc. (VSSI) participation in the above Docket, it is the intent of VSSI to continue its participation in this docket. Therefore, please continue the intervenor status for VSSI.

Thank you for your consideration in this request.

Very truly yours,


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